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CITY OF MARTINSVILLE "SHARED VISION" - As faithful stewards of the public trust, we will create, in partnership with the citizens of Martinsville and the surrounding region, a strong, innovative, and unified community where every citizen may have the opportunity to become self-sufficient with satisfaction, pride and a high quality of life. **"A CITY WITHOUT LIMITS"**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00am Seniors' Breakfast Club Tasty Crème	2 8-10am Hardee's Tues AM Jam (Stanleytown) 6-8PM 28th Annual National Night Out Help fight crime in your neighborhood. Block parties all around town.	3	4 12-6pm Community Market, old Bassett Train Station, open each Thursday thru October. 12:30-2:30 pm Senior Ctr Bingo	5 1pm Mountain Music Jam @ Fieldale Antiques 5-7pm 1st Fri. Art Walk Studio107-E Church 7pm at Rives Theater~Music by Morwenna Lasko and Jay Pun	6 7am "Tour de Scholar" Charity Bike Ride at SR Sports Complex 1pm Lake Sugar Tree AARA Moonlight Stadium Cross series Gate opens
7 National Friendship Day  Smith River Adv Outfitters \$25 Beginners Kayak Class 252-0701	8	9 8-10am Hardee's (Stanleytown) Tuesday Morning Jamboree 7:30pm City Council Mtg.	10	11 August 12th is last day to register for the CITY-COUNTY EMPLOYEES GOLF LEAGUE (Begins Aug 15) Call 403-5140 for more details	12 1pm Mountain Music Jam @ Fieldale Antiques 	13 6:30pm Music Night- Spencer-Penn w/Laurel Creek; Tina, Herbert & Cathrine; Two Young-Two Old Downriver Boat Race 8-9:15am Register; put-in at 280 Tensbury Dr. 10am Race begins; ends @ Sports Complex 1pm Awards Ceremony at Festival ↓ 9am-4pm 4 th Annual Smith River Fest '11 Sports Complex
14	15 Aug 15-19 9am - 12noon ~ or ~ 5-8pm Tetra Brazil Camp @ SR Sports Complex Ages 6-16 \$145 Aug 15 - Oct 13 CITY-COUNTY EMPLOYEE GOLF LEAGUE Call 403-5140 for more details	16 8-10am Hardee's (Stanleytown) Tuesday Morning Jamboree 7pm Senior Dance Rangeley Ruritan "Almost Country"	17 Anthem Rep Michelle Hartman onsite 10-11am Drop-in Health Screening at Senior Center 12pm VMNH "Creating a Social Media Marketing Plan" Workshop. Use today's media outlets (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) for your business advantage.	18 12:30-2:30 pm Senior Center Bingo 5:30pm Seniors' Supper Club Tasty Crème	19 1pm Mountain Music Jam @ Fieldale Antiques 6:30pm Spencer-Penn Ctr presents Doug & Telisha Williams, Wayne Henderson & Jeff Little Adv \$10;door \$12	20 5:30 Open Mic at Bluegrass at the Rives 7-9pm concert by Zephyr Lightning Bolts 5-8pm Cruise-In at the Big Chair
21 1-5PM Smith River Adv Outfitters' Wilderness Survival Ages 13 & up \$10 fee Call 252-0701	22 Interested in starting a Men's Flag Football team -Call Parks & Rec 403-5140 -Team Captains meet Aug 25 -1st game Sep 11	23 8-10am Hardee's (Stanleytown) Tuesday Morning Jamboree 7pm Senior Dance Rangeley Ruritan "Cotton & Country Classic Band" 7:30pm City Council Mtg.	24	25 12:30-2:30 pm Senior Center Bingo Men's Flag Football Team Captains meet 6pm @ S R Sports Complex First game Sep 11	26 1pm Mountain Music Jam @ Fieldale Antiques 7-10:30pm Uptown TGIF Johnny White & The Elite Band	27
28	29	30 8-10am Hardee's (Stanleytown) Tuesday Morning Jamboree	31	THE VIRGINIA HOME EFFICIENCY REBATE PROGRAM: If you've recently purchased (or soon will) a new energy efficient washer, refrigerator, dishwasher, water heater, heat pump, you're entitled to a rebate. Check out this website now: http://www.dmme.virginia.gov/DE/ARRA-Public/ARRA.shtml  You can reserve your rebate (\$30 up to \$500, depending on item purchased), then claim it by mailing in the signed form you'll print, along with a copy of the store receipt. It's that easy!		

Service Milestones Reached in August

Marshall Thomas	Police	30	Years
Patti Farmer	Circuit Court	20	Years
Robin Legus	Purchasing	10	Years
Paula Bowen	CW Attorneys	5	Years
Donald Goodman	CW Attorneys	5	Years
Justin Taylor	Public Works	5	Years
Jane Toler	Fire	5	Years

Celebrating August Birthdays

6	Karen Harrison	Water Impound & Filtr
9	Cynthia Carson	Utility Billing
9	Douglas Wickham	Wastewater Plant
9	Robbin Acord	Sheriff - Jail
10	Carman McDowell	Wastewater Plant
10	Jackie Dillard	Sheriff - Courts
11	Karen Mays	Purchasing
12	Kevin Clifton	Electric
12	Roy Prillaman	Sheriff - Jail Annex
14	Donald Thompson	Refuse - Collection
15	James Hopkins Jr	Fire Department
18	David Mena	Police Dept
18	Justin Spencer	Sheriff - Jail
19	John Kahle	Wastewater Plant
20	Curtis Millner	Water Impound & Filtr
21	Eddie Frazier	Street Marking & Signs
23	Andy Petty	Police Dept
23	Donn Shumate Jr	Police Dept
26	Wanda Jessup	Accounting
27	Pamela Shoemaker	Comm Of Revenue
28	Roy Donavant	Sewer Maintenance
30	Douglas Graham	Police Dept
31	Donnie Brooks	Armory
31	Wesley Brooks	Fire Department

SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO: ~ Dennis Bowles (Electric Director) on the death of his uncle, Giles Bowles, age 86, on July 10th. ~ Linda Kanode (Police whose uncle, Charles M. Blankenship, 75, passed away on July 13th. ~ Sharon Echols (Utility Billing) on the loss of her aunt, Jean C. Clemmons, 71, on July 22nd.

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT: Congratulations to Jimmy Ashworth who recently graduated from the Virginia Fire Officers Academy in Richmond.

FROM PARKS & RECREATION: We say "Goodbye" to Gary Cody who has accepted a position as Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism for Wythe County, Virginia beginning August 1st. We wish Gary and his family all the best of success and happiness. ~ A City "senior" sent a very nice letter to the Senior Center, thanking them for their services. She says she has no other way to get to her appointments during the week other than the Senior Center van and she wanted to express her appreciation! ~ City employees can now borrow bikes from the shed behind the Martinsville City Fire Station. Just see one of the firemen!

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE, Chris Boblett who recently joined the Police Department.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kenneth McFarling (Sheriff's Office) on the birth of his first grandchild, Ethan Cooper McFarling, born to Steven & Courtney on June 20th. He weighed 9lb.13oz.

Each month this year, one employee has won a \$25 Kroger gift card. The name is drawn from a pool of all full-time City employees and Constitutionals. The winner for July is John Kaczor, Fire Department.

Total Calls Taken In The Month Of June

 Police - 2,181  Fire - 53*  EMS - 212*

*Unable to respond to 23 EMS calls and one Fire call due to crews being unavailable (already assigned emergencies). The Fire call was covered by Dyers Store Volunteers; EMS calls covered by Stone Ambulance. Four EMS calls were mutual aid to Henry Co. Also, one smoke detector and 7 child safety seats were installed.

Another excerpt from the City Employees' Manual (pg. 29)

"BASIC GROUP LIFE INSURANCE - Full-time employees are required to participate in the City's group life insurance plan. The amount of basic group life insurance is equal to the employee's annual salary, rounded to the next highest thousand, and then doubled. There is also coverage for accidental death and dismemberment. This benefit is provided at no cost. Employees must choose a beneficiary at the time of enrollment. To change a beneficiary, contact the Human Resources Office. Full-time employees may also purchase additional **OPTIONAL GROUP LIFE INSURANCE** for one, two, three, or up to four times their salary, not to exceed \$600,000, as well as optional coverage for dependents, subject to limitations. Employees are responsible for paying the premiums through payroll deduction. Premium deductions will increase as an employee's salary increases and when certain age categories are met."

The City Finance Department has been awarded the Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for the FY 2010 financial report (audit). The GFOA established the CAFR Program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure, and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

CITY TOUR - A MORNING WELL-SPENT! Jeff Joyce, Carman McDowell, Dennis Bowles, and Marvin Donavant were excellent guides, giving us "city hall workers" a tour of the off-site facilities, like the City Shop, Wastewater Treatment, Water Treatment and Hydro Electric Plant, the closed City Landfill/Methane flare station. Two groups of employees boarded the Senior Center bus driven by Lane Shively on the mornings of June 23rd and 24th. What we saw and the information presented was really interesting and enlightening, such as the various ways we're saving money by recycling our old pavement, making mulch from collected tree branches, as well as future savings once the Methane generator is up & running. Seeing firsthand the daily operations of your facilities and having them explain the processes helped us better understand what you guys do, the purchases you make, etc. and ...for me personally...Carman, visiting you has made me appreciate my job even more!! We want to commend you all on your hard work and for the hospitality shown us as we wandered around your work stations and asked a lot of questions - hope we didn't get in anyone's way too badly! If more of these tours are offered in the future, we recommend to everyone -- if you're given the opportunity, take it! We were even commenting that it would be nice if Mayor Atkins and City Council members were also given an opportunity to tour these facilities.

